

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2455 – HB 2786

March 8, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires unmanned traffic enforcement cameras installed at intersections after July 1, 2012, be accompanied by countdown timers that are readily visible to motorists entering such intersections and identify how much time remains before the traffic signal changes from green to red.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to a 2011 Fiscal Review Committee survey of communities currently utilizing traffic enforcement cameras, there are approximately 13 cameras per municipality each issuing approximately 139 citations monthly resulting in 21,684 citations per camera per year.
- Most cameras are operated through a contract with a vendor; the vendor is paid a percentage of fines collected to offset the operational costs.
- Local governments choosing to install additional traffic enforcement cameras will not experience a significant increase in expenditures for installing the countdown timers. Any increase in expenditures will be permissive. The percentage of fines paid to vendors will remain unchanged.
- Any traffic enforcement cameras installed prior to July 1, 2012, will not be required to be accompanied by countdown timers.
- According to the County Technical Advisory Service, counties do not currently use traffic enforcement cameras.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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